

# Maverick Launch

## McCutcheon High School is Making it Happen!



**OUR SCHOOL** McCutcheon High School is a part of the Tippecanoe School Corporation, which operates two high schools (grades 9-12), six middle schools (grades 6-8) and 11 elementary schools (K-5)—serving 12,500 students and their families in Greater Lafayette.

**OUR STUDENTS** Current freshmen (ABOVE) in front of the Maverick Launch Building (MLB), a part of McCutcheon High School (MHS). MHS serves the southern suburb of Lafayette, and consists of 114 teachers and 1,710 students, 33.2% of which participate in Free/Reduced Lunch.

### OUR TEACHERS

Mike Etzkorn – Algebra I & Enrichment

Ken Koger – Algebra I & Enrichment

Sarah Reed – English 9: Literature

Morgan MacLavery – English 9: Grammar

Kelly Thompson – IPR & PCC

Ryan Wagler - ICP

**OUR PROMISING PRACTICE** *Maverick Launch is a program designed to benefit a diverse group of students in need of a smooth transition from middle school to high school. This goal is accomplished through select students receiving extra help in math and English in a smaller, caring environment proven to show great gains. Students accepted into the Launch Program are afforded a “small school” experience. We strive to create a family-like environment, where each student is well-known by all teachers in the Maverick Launch Building (MLB). While many typical classrooms can have 30 or more students, each MLB class consists of only 15-20 students. Our small size gives our teachers more opportunities for one-on-one instruction throughout the school day. Courses in Maverick Launch follow the same rigorous curriculum as those in McCutcheon High School. Due to the importance of math and English, especially considering Indiana’s focus on readying students for college and/or their future careers, students’ MLB schedule is structured to include a “double dose” of these core subjects. This gives students the extra reinforcement necessary for success in these subject areas. This also allows them to potentially earn two extra elective credits, giving them the ability to pursue other opportunities later in their high school careers.*

### OUR SOURCES

- 32.5% of MHS early grads originate from the Maverick Launch Program. (MHS guidance)
- 80% of these students increased their homework completion. (teacher gradebook)
- 100% of these students improved their reading comprehension levels. (PLATO Courseware)
- 40% of these students improved more than 1 entire grade level. (PLATO Courseware)
- 33% of these students participate in sports, 44% in clubs. (survey results)

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